being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Ban of Fishing in Ganges

2705. SHRI P. M. SYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on fishing from Rajghat to Ramnagar in the Ganga;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was an agitation against this ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Indian Embassies and High Commissions

2706. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where Indian Embassy/High Commission has opened during the last one year;

(b) the number of Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Head of Missions who were posted in Indian Missions abroad;

(c) the number out of them belongs to I.F.S., I.A.S., and other Central Services;

(d) the number out of them who are non-officials;

(e) the number of them belongs to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities;

(f) whether any quota fixed for persons of these communities for appointment as Ambassadors or Heads of Missions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No resident Indian Mission has been opened during last one year.

(b) At present there are 93 Heads of Missions and %3 permanent Representatives of India to the United Nations Offices.

(c) and (d). 86 belongs to IFS. There are 10 others out of whom 4 are retired officers; from IAS (2), IPS (1) and IFS (1).

(e) There are 10 Heads of Missions who belong to Scheduled Caste Communities and 6 Heads of Mission belongs to Scheduled Tribes Communities.

(f) and (g). No quota is fixed for apointment of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe officers as Head of Mission.

[Translation]

Action Plan for Development of Naxalite Affected areas in Madhya Pradesh

2707. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any action plan to the Union Government for development of naxalite affected areas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central assistance is likely to be provide to the State for the implementation of the said plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have drawn up an Action Plan for providing immediate relief to the people of affected districts. The plan has been prepared for a period of 5 years and the total requirement of funds for implementing various schemes is Rs. 71875.37 lakhs.

(c) and (d). In the discussions held in this Ministry in this regard, it was decided that the Action plans prepared by the affected State Governments would be examined by the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) and then incorporated by the respective States in their 8th Plan proposals. The Planning Commission while finalising the States' Plans would consider these proposals favourably within the approved formula of Central assistance.

[*English*]

Compensation for Death in Police/ Government custody

2708. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has fixed the amount of compensation to be paid to the next of kin of persons dying in police/Government custody;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to impement the verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). This Ministry is not aware of the Supreme Court judgement laying down a uniform pattern for payment of compensation amount in the cases of death of persons in police/ governement custody.

Issuance of Identity Cards

2709. SHRI SOBHANJ ADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to issue identity cards to the citizens with complete information relating to the citizen for identification purpose during Elections, transaction with financial institutions etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Identity cards are being issued in specified border areas with a view to register benefice residents, to collect reliable information regarding status of residents and to check movement of visitors who stay for more than thirty days.

[*Translation*]

Fall in Prices of Kharif crops

2710. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of paddy, Jowar, bazra, macca and ragi per quintal have fallen down during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the farmers do not suffer as a result of fall in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The prices of rice, Jawar, bajra, macca and rigi have shown a rising trend during the last three months as may be observed from the following table:-